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GENEVA PASS AMBASSADOR CARTER

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TAGS: OVIP (TOLBERT, W.R.)

SUBJ: TOLBERT STATE VISIT TO U.S. - SCHEDULE UPDATE

REF: MONROVIA 5634

1. CORE GROUPS MET AT EMBASSY INITIATIVE AT EXECUTIVE MANSION  
MORNING AUGUST 13. FOLLOWING IS LATEST VERSION OF SCHEDULE:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21:

0800 - DEPARTURE FROM ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

1300 - (APPROXIMATELY) ARRIVAL AT PATRICK HENRY AIRPORT, VIRGINIA

- ARRIVAL AT WILLIAMSBURG AND HORSE-DRAWN TOUR OF THE  
COLONIAL CAPITAL

- PRESIDENT HUMSELINE OF COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG HOSTS A  
DINNER IN PRESIDENT'S HONOR AT CARTER'S GROVE PLANTATION (DINNER  
ENDS EARLY GIVING TIME TO REST)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 (FIRST DAY OF STATE VISIT):

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0910 - DEPARTURE VIA PRESIDENTIAL AIRCRAFT FOR WASHINGTON  
MONUMENT GROUNDS

1030 - WHITE HOUSE ARRIVAL CEREMONY

1100 - SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS AND TALKS WITH PRESIDENT FORD

1230 - PRESIDENT TOLBERT ADDRESSES THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB

1530 - WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER  
AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

1600 - PRESIDENT TOLBERT RECEIVES KEYS OF THE CITY FROM MAYOR  
WASHINGTON AT THE DISTRICT BUILDING

2000 - STATE DINNER GIVEN BY PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD FOR  
PRESIDENT AND MRS. TOLBERT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 (SECOND DAY OF STATE VISIT):

0930 - BREAKFAST WITH U.S. JOURNALISTS

1200 - PRESIDENT TOLBERT ADDRESSES JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS

1500 - PRESIDENT TOLBERT VISITS AFRICAN ROOM AT THE KENNEDY CENTER

1600 - V.P. ROCKEFELLER CALLS ON PRESIDENT AT BLAIR HOUSE

- PRESIDENT TOLBERT HOSTS RECEPTION (ONLY IF PRESIDENT  
FORD WILL ATTEND)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 (THIRD DAY OF STATE VISIT):

1000 - CONVOCAION AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY

1130 - PRESIDENT VISITS LINCOLN MEMORIAL

1230 - LUNCHEON GIVEN IN PRESIDENT'S HONOR BY SECRETARY OF  
STATE HENRY KISSINGER

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1600 - AFTERNOON DEPARTURE FOR ATLANTA

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 (FOURTH DAY OF STATE VISIT):

- ATLANTA (DETAILS OF SCHEDULE TO BE DETERMINED)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 (FIFTH DAY OF STATE VISIT):

- ATLANTA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 (SIXTH DAY OF STATE VISIT):

0900 - DEPARTURE FOR PHILADELPHIA

1130 - RECEPTION GIVEN BY WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA

1200 - LUNCHEON GIVEN BY WACP

1300 - TOLBERT ADDRESSES WACP

- AFTERNOON TOUR OF HISTORIC SITES OF PHILADELPHIA

- EVENING DINNER WITH U.S. BUSINESSMEN WITH INTERESTS IN LIBERIA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 (PRIVATE PORTION OF VISIT):

- GOL INTERESTED IN UNIVERSITY VISIT WITH POSSIBLE CONFERRAL  
OF DEGREE (TO BE ARRANGED THROUGH AMB. DINNIS)

- AFTERNOON DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK

- POSSIBLE EVENING DINNER WITH DAVID ROCKEFELLER AT HIS ESTATE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 (PRIVATE PORTION OF VISIT):

- MORNING ADDRESS TO UNGA FOLLOWED BY LUNCH WITH SEC GEN  
OR AFTERNOON ADDRESS TO UNGA FOLLOWED BY DINNER WITH  
SEC GEN (GOL MAKING ALL ARRANGEMENTS)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 (FINAL DAY OF VISIT):

- DAY SPENT RESTING AND PRIVATE BUSINESS  
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1700 - POSSIBLE RECEPTION BY AMB. BROOKS RANDOLPH TO MEET  
LIBERIAN COMMUNITY

2330 - DEPARTURE FROM JFK FOR RETURN TO LIBERIA

2. COMMENT: TONE OF MEETING WAS CORDIAL AS USUAL AND USEFUL  
IN TYING DOWN SOME LOOSE ENDS. HOWEVER, GOL SIDE EXTREMELY  
SKITTISH OVER UNCERTAINTY OF ATLANTA PORTION OF TRIP AND  
RAISED POSSIBILITY SEEKING ALTERNATE PROGRAM FOR THOSE DAYS.  
EMBASSY SIDE INDICATED WE HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM  
WASHINGTON (CARTER/HORAN TELCON AND SVENDSEN/PORTER TELCON)  
THAT ATLANTA ARRANGEMENTS ON TRACK. FOR TIME BEING GOL  
WILLING ACCEPT ASSURANCES, BUT IF ATLANTA SCHEDULE NOT  
FORTHCOMING SOON, WE RISK HAVING GOL CANCELLING THAT AND

CUTTING VISIT EVEN SHORTER. ON THIS, GOL SIDE GAVE NO RPT  
NO REASONS FOR MOVING DEPARTURE DATE UP TO SEPTEMBER 30.

3. COMMENT: GOL SIDE EASILY ACCEPTED OUR EXPLANATION OF  
DIFFICULTIES HAVING LUNCHEON WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS  
SEPT. 23 (BUT WOULD ACCEPT SUCH INVITATION IF FORTHCOMING),  
AND HAD NO TROUBLE ACCEPTING AFTERNOON DEPARTURE FOR ATLANTA  
SEPT. 24. GOL GRUDGINGLY ACCEPTED EXPLANATION OF PROBLEMS  
WITH RETURN DINNER SEPT. 23 BUT MADE IT CLEAR THAT TOLBERT  
WOULD GIVE RECEPTION ONLY RPT ONLY IF CAN BE ASSURED  
PRESIDENT FORD WOULD ATTEND. (QUESTION OF POSSIBLE INVITATION  
TO BLACK CAUCUS DINNER NOT RAISED DURING THIS MEETING ALTHOUGH  
GOL AWARE POSSIBILITY.) PHILADELPHIA PORTION OF TRIP,  
INCLUDING POSSIBLE CONFERRAL OF DEGREE BY A UNIVERSITY THERE,  
PRESUMABLY BEING ARRANGED BY AMBASSADOR DENNIS. HOWEVER, SINCE  
SEPT. 27 STILL PART OF STATE VISIT, SUGGEST THAT IT IS TO OUR  
ADVANTAGE TO MAKE SURE THERE NO SLIPPAGE ON THIS SEGMENT OF  
VISIT. FYI: LOCAL CHASE REP TELLS US THAT DAVID ROCKEFELLER  
NOT OVERLY ANXIOUS HOST DINNER AND THAT TOO MAY FALL THROUGH.  
END FYI.

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4. COMMENT: USUAL INTERESTING INTERPLAY (I.E. BICKERING)  
TOOK PLACE BETWEEN PERSONALITIES ON GOL SIDE, INCLUDING  
VEILED COMMENTS ABOUT MONROVIA'S UNHAPPINESS OVER AMB.

BROOKS RANDOLPH'S HANDLING OF NEW YORK SCHEDULE. HOWEVER, MOST SIGNIFICANT REACTION ELICITED WHEN EMBASSY REMINDED GOL OF EARLIER PROMISE PROVIDE EMBASSY DOCUMENTS ON GOL PROPOSALS RE USG ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (REQUESTS PRESENTED BY NEAL TO AID/W OFFICIALS). PLANMIN NEAL'S REACTION (SUPPORTED BY FINMIN PHILLIPS) WAS IMMEDIATE AND VIGOROUS TO EFFECT THAT HE WAS NOT INTERESTED AT ALL IN DISCUSSING PROPOSALS WITH EMBASSY BECAUSE EVERYTHING WAS BEING HANDLED DIRECTLY WITH WASHINGTON. HE SAID QTE I HAVE DISCUSSED THESE MATTERS IN WASHINGTON; SCOTT AND A STUDY TEAM ARE COMING OUT HERE, AND FRANKLY I DON'T SEE THAT THE EMBASSY AND USAID HERE HAVE ANY INPUT AT ALL UNQTE. CHARGE TRIED TO PRESS POINT THAT WASHINGTON WOULD RELY HEAVILY ON AMBASSADOR'S APPRAISAL OF ANY PROPOSAL. WHEN ASKED, NEAL INDICATED HE QTE NOT FULLY SATISFIED UNQTE WITH RESULTS WASHINGTON TALKS. IT BECAME APPARENT THAT NO COMMUNICATION WAS POSSIBLE ON THIS POINT AND EMBASSY SIDE DID NOT PRESS REQUEST FURTHER. IN VIEW OF EXCHANGE IT MORE IMPERATIVE THAT WE GET REPORT ON GOL DISCUSSIONS WITH AID/W ASAP. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON HOW BEST TO CONFIDENTIAL

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PROCEED ON THIS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY PROMISED GOL WE WOULD ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON FOLLOWING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

A. ATLANTA SCHEDULE MOST URGENT.

B. DESCRIPTION OF CEREMONY AT LINCOLN MEMORIAL SEPT. 24.

C. WASHINGTON READING ON POSSIBILITY OF PRESIDENT FORD ATTENDING RECEPTION SEPT. 23 (WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO KNOW IF BLACK CAUCUS PLANNING INVITE TOLBERT DINNER THAT EVENING).

D. TEXTS OF FORD'S REMARKS AT ARRIVAL CEREMONY AND DINNER AND SECRETARY'S REMARKS AT LUNCHEON (EMBASSY CAUTIONED THAT THESE WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL LAST MINUTE).

E. CONFIRMATION TOLBERT ADDRESS JOINT SESSION AND FINAL DECISION ON LUNCHEON WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS FOLLOWING ADDRESS.

6. FYI: GOL HAS AGAIN PROMISED GIVE US MRS. TOLBERT'S SCHEDULE SOON. GOL INDICATED PLANNING FOR MRS. TOLBERT TO BE IN HOUSTON SEPTEMBER 5 OR 6. SHE APPARENTLY WOULD ARRIVE WILLIAMSBURG IN TIME TO MEET PRESIDENT UPON ARRIVAL. WE ALSO REMINDED GOL IMPORTANCE OF GETTING NAMES OF MEMBERS

OF BOTH OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL PARTIES AND GIVING NAMES  
OF THOSE WHO WOULD ATTEND SUBSTANTIVE TALKS. WE GOT USUAL  
ASSURANCES NAMES WOULD BE FORTHCOMING SOON.  
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